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PRODUCTION OF FODDER

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any scheme is being implemented by the Union Government to augment the production of fodder in the country particularly Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the assistance provided for the purpose during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has made any assessment of the success of this scheme in those States; and
- (e) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. For production of fodder and fodder seeds and also improvement of quality of dry fodder, the following schemes have been taken up.

- (i) Central Fodder Development Organization including 8 Fodder Stations and Fodder Seed Minikit Testing Programme.
- (ii) Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 'Assistance to States for Feed and Fodder Development' with 2 components i.e. Establishment of Fodder Banks and Enrichment of Straw/Celiulosic waste (From 2002-03 to 2004-06).
- (iii) A new Centrally Sponsored Fodder Development Scheme (From 2005-06).

(c) The details of assistance provided as grant and kind (fodder seed minikits) to the States during the last three years and the current year are given in the enclosed statement-I and II respectively.

(d) and (e) Evaluation of Central Fodder Development Organization has been taken up. On the basis of the appraisal of the scheme on 'Assistance to States for Feed and Fodder Development', the new Centrally Sponsored Fodder Development Scheme has been prepared and is implemented from 2005-06.